

A Point about Astral Travel (was re: The Secret: a new theory)

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 20 Apr 2001, 10:40

Also, the astral travel surprises even the inhumi who participate in it, which makes it even more unlikely that Krait told Horn about it.

...which caused me to note something that hadn't occurred to me before: The Narr is capable of astral travelling only after he's had his whole-body transplant. The dumb explanation would be "it's a power Silk has had all along but never knew about because he never slept around any sleeping inhumi," which is possible but not very plausible. A somewhat better explanation: it's somehow due to the fact that the Narr is not attached as firmly to the body of Silk as most people are to their bodies.

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Kevin J. Maroney — 20 Apr 2001, 14:31 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

At 10:40 AM 4/20/01 -0700, Blattid wrote:
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That's what I've always assumed--that the Neighborly process of transplanting Horn's spirit into Silk's body infused the resultant person with some degree of the Neighbor's unhuman physical laws, including the different relationship with distance.

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